



Manitoba Horse Trials

November 27th, 2016 - 1:23 pm

Sheri Parkingsons House

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Danae Martin, Helen Martin, Paige Dueck, Marilyn McNaughton, Robbie Norris, Sherri Parkinson, Eileen Blais, Rebecca Rempel

Regrets: Dianna Fraser, Jen Low

1. **Call to Order pm 1:25** First: Paige Dueck Second: Robbie Norris
2. **Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting:**
Motion: First: Danae Martin **Second:** Robbie Norris, Motion Passed
The meeting notes from October 1st, 2016 were accepted as written.
3. **2017 Event Dates**
 - 3.0 Course clean up date
 - date: End of April, take out x jumps, take bush junk out (Deb will organize with Park) Mht will get people if needed on the day of clean up
 - 3.1. Clinics
 - 3.1.0 Snow bound clinic at Greenhawk in March? Earlier? Do one intro session, one advanced? on a Saturday after hours, corks, boots, rider clothing, levels, jump shapes and names, memberships, MHT.
(Rebecca will contact Greenhawk)
 - 3.1.1. Ashley Johnson (USA) clinician, need a work visa so maybe not. Paige will contact her with some Q's.
 - 3.2. Derbies
 - 3.2.1. How many? 1 clinic, 2 derbies, 1 mock event, Willville, MEC, 2-3 PC derbies?
 - 3.2.2. Dates?
 - May 13 Schooling day, 14 Dressage, xc rounds
 - June 3, 4 Danae Clinic (same as summer smiles)

-June 17 Schooling day, 18 Dressage xc rounds (same as Ride of Rides)

-July 15,16 PC rally MHT event type thing

-Aug 4,5 Willville, PC Derby late Aug one day

-September 22-24 MEC make it a Provincial Championships, PC derby

- Oct PC Derby

3.2.3. Online Entries? Weebly (Eileen) \$70 for 3 rides

3.2.4. Need to let MHC know our dates so they can post on site and let Park know (Paige)

3.3. Need to build our own Dressage Arena pylons and rope?

4. 2017 MHT Horse Trials Details (July 15-16th, 2017)

- **Starting with Robbie's financial outlook on the Event vs. not Event, please see attached financial document.**
- Robbie's final opinion is that we do not have money for a full build and run HT. The final answer is that there is NO way we can afford a 2017 event.

Motion #1: Barry is postponed until 2018 First: Danae Second: Robbie

Motion #2: MHT and PC run a Rally in July 13,14,15, 2018 full sanctioned Starter up to T/P.

- Paige will re book Kellie for that weekend and Barry to come out for a week or two before 2018 event to repair and design course.

Barry Tyerman's visit September 24-26th, 2016 (refer to Paige's email regarding jump numbers and costs).

- Deb has ideas on materials and an over winter carpenter
 - o She says its about \$1000 per jump for materials and labour, she has contacts for lumber, 2ft logs, hydro poles (we would have to pick them up).
 - o Paige will call a carpenter John Schroeder and see what he thinks of the job at hand, Deb will see what her guy says as a quote, Robbie says we have \$10,000 to play with. Each half 6-8 feet.

Need \$\$- Ideas? Equine Foundation? Jump Sponsors? Will ask Jen Low to meet some of us during Christmas Break to fill in forms Deb brought to meeting today.

Keep this list in mind for 2018 Planning, 2017 EC sanctioned event cancelled.

- 4.1. Medic: Ask Winnipeg Search and Rescu for 2018 or xtremesportsmedic@gmail.com they are fully insured
- 4.2. Veterinarian: Glen?
- 4.3. Course Design: Barry Tyerman change to 2018
- 4.4. TD- Geri Sweet (Change to 2018?)
- 4.5. Judge- Kellie Towers change to 2018 (Paige)

- 4.6. Organiser- Paige
- 4.7. Ground Jury Member- Paige asked Mrs. Stephens ask for 2018
- 4.8. Office Secretary- Marilyn and Val
- 4.9. Positions that need filling:
 - 4.9.1. Incident Coordinator,
 - 4.9.2. Scorer- Paige asked John Moehring, book for 2018
 - 4.9.3. Horse Ambulance
 - 4.9.4. Announcer
 - 4.9.5. Stadium course designer- Danae/Judge- Kellie (Paige call to re book)
 - 4.9.6. 911 Call Person
 - 4.9.7. Control – Paige asked Val to ask John Moehring, Maybe Kevin?
- 4.10. Volunteers required
 - 4.10.1. Runner
 - 4.10.2. Gate
 - 4.10.3. Start Box
 - 4.10.4. Scribe
 - 4.10.5. Course Prep (Mow, Flag, Decorate)
 - 4.10.6. Timers
 - 4.10.7. Jump Judges
 - 4.10.8. Setting Fences
 - 4.10.9. Tack Check
 - 4.10.10. Stadium Set up and take Down
- 4.11. Facility
 - 4.11.1. Book stabling, toilet (pioneer pumping?\$100), water via Dave Tolpa, Facility has been tentatively booked but not water or potty for xc yet. Paige will change to book for same weekend 2018
- 4.12. Other items
 - 4.12.1. Submit forms to EC and Omnibus- Marilyn done it, Fleur knows it is tentative will call to cancel (Marilyn)
 - 4.12.2. Get Sponsors, Schleese? John Deere, Lumber Yards?
 - 4.12.3. Organize Officials meeting Friday Night
 - 4.12.4. Organize Bonfire/Social Friday Night
 - 4.12.5. How do we acquire safety flags? Barry can order them for us
 - 4.12.6. We are insured through MHC as a club with BFL, Individual insurance is through Intercity Insurance.

5. Reciprocity Review and Suggestions (15 minutes)

- 5.1. Do any changes need to be made to the current reciprocities? YES
Reciprocity stays as they are, this does not include the course user fee.
 - 5.1.1. Reciprocity only open to Junior members?
Motion Passed: First: Danae Second: Eileen
 - 5.1.2. Make sure the reciprocity is clear that it only applies to specific in province shows. WE WILL STICK TO OUR GUNS WITH THIS (Marilyn)

- 5.2. Volunteer to approach Westman Dressage
- 5.3. Volunteer to renew with MHJA
- 5.4. Volunteer to renew with PC
- 5.5. Volunteer to renew with DW

6. Fall Newsletter

- 6.1. We have all the write ups, just need Eileen to have time. Will do a winter letter as well as update website and post new info about course use outlines and membership timelines for 2017.

7. Grants/Sponsorship

- Jump sponsorship? Greenhawk, John Deer, Schleese, Horizon, Landmark Feeds, Pioneer
- Grants, which ones to apply for, need to fill in crazy forms, maybe Eileen, Jen, Robbie, Rebecca, others? Meet to change membership, course forms, grant forms during Christmas break

8. Finances

- 8.1. Financial Update, no \$ left after we build jumps this winter

- 8.2. Need to remember to Purchase club membership with MHC and insurance. (Robbie).

9. Year End Points (we did not get to this, will talk about it in January)

- 9.1. Suggested to remove 1 point for out of province shows and add 2 for non ribbons or elimination outside of Manitoba. For Manitoban shows it's suggested to give 3 points for eliminated riders or unplaced. It is suggested to change requirements of sanctioned events to: "Members must attend at least 3 MHT activities, two of which must be competitive (e.g HT, Derbies or combined tests)

10. Review of Survey Results

- Good way to connect with members, parents, interested parties. Do a survey after each main event – Jen?

11. Review from CEC PHTA meetings in Toronto in November

Annual Report was emailed out to Board Oct 13 2016 for review. Will put it on Google Drive

Please refer to Paige and Danae notes from Toronto Meeting attached at bottom of these minutes.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Would it be possible and/or helpful to have online volunteer hour submission on the MHT website? (did not get to this will cover in January)
- b. Karen Mclain is going to charge us \$80 for half the mowing for a PC thing. We will pay it but for the future we need to be sure two board members approve a bill or agreeing to pay then Robbie has to agree.
- c. course user fee and how we will work that?
 - i. We will keep the course closed all the time except the week before and after, riders have to sign up with a coach and rider list. (Will post on website that course is only open certain weeks before and after derbies/events, also posting there will be a new course user fee structure and form to submit to secretary for course use).
 - **Fee for New MHT Members: First school on xc free included in full MHT membership**
 - **Fee for MHT Member: \$20 per school**
 - **Facility Rental Fee: \$200 per day with registered coach/club**
 - **Coach Fee: One time yearly fee of \$35 with nccp # submitted**
- d. **Membership Fees 2017 January to January 2018**
Still having to submit \$100 OR work 6 single/10 family hours
 - **Family Rate: \$150 parents and dependants living at same residence (Paige to edit Form) OR \$145 if payed by March 31**
 - **Junior: \$40 OR \$35 if purchased by March 31**
 - **Senior: \$60 OR \$55 if purchased by March 31**
 - **Temporary: \$45 one day membership**
 - **Support: \$25**
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- e. Bingo \$ from Oct 21 2016 received!
- f. . How to prevent jumping jumps: place portables halves back to back and move them beside each other the weekend before and the weekend after.

12. Next Meeting

- Need a budget
- Have membership and course forms ready for January meeting
- Finalize calendar and post info publicly
- Post jump ideas on our FB page to gain interest and ideas for jumps to build
- Year end points
- Online volunteer tracking options.
- Online derby entries
- Online survey plan
- Snow Bound clinic details

13. 2017 Board Members:

Paige Dueck (President)
Eileen Blais (Vice-President)
Carly Norris (Past-president)
Danae Martin
Sarah Read
Pat Napier
Deborah Sheppard
Sheri Parkinson
Marilyn McNaughton (secretary)
Robby Norris (Treasurer)
Helen Martin (Junior Rep)

At Large: Dianna Fraser

2017 Motion to appoint Rebecca Rempel to Board for 2017

- First: Paige Second: Marilyn

Need a Volunteer coordinator for 2017!!

Next meeting

Unofficial Meeting during Christmas Break (Eileen to organise)
Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at Eileen Blais's at 1pm.
Sunday, February 12th tentative Pat's house?

12. End of Meeting pm 5:40pm

First: Danae, Second: Robby

Email sent out to Board early November regarding Barry, the jumps and the HT:

Good Morning,

As you all know Barry Tyerman came out to BHP to give an appraisal on the situation with our cross country course. He did kindly ask that we let him know asap if we will be wanting him to come out to build for us so he can plan the rest of his summer. He has contacted me three times since the time he was out here checking up on what we are deciding. I did receive feed back from some board members about the Barry situation. The response in general was get a new quote from Barry and what it is then see if we can source cheap/free material to cut costs. That is a great idea but we need to follow through if Barry is coming out and booking time off to do so. He called me last night October 31 to discuss a new quote after gathering info on Dianna's couple of jumps plus the jumps we have at Willville. Here are the details of the phone call:

- 22 Jumps at the park need repaired \$4400 labor and materials
- 31 jumps need built new \$18500 for material and labor
- Extra cost/time includes stake material and construction and painting
- He has to have a tractor and would love a trailer to work off of and volunteers to help him out
- Junk jumps must be removed before he comes so he can plan the track and move the jumps to the place they will more or less stay until he comes back three days before the planned event in July. He charges \$100/day for his second visit plus flights, food and housing
- He budgets about 20-24 days to do the fixing and building in spring.
- The more material we can find for him to use the less our material cost will be. Regardless he will have to purchase some dimensional lumber for the bases. (minimum 12' of 4x6's per 12' jump)
- I asked what size he was building and 12 feet was his thoughts but may change depending on available material and jump design.
- I told him I would give him a yes or no on him coming out and running the HT right after our November meeting.

At our AGM it was decided that we will run the HT in 2017 as previously planned. Personally I do not think there was quite enough background put forth from myself or a good enough discussion on where we stand financially, and time wise to run this HT. This email is outlining what I think about running the event

and/or having Barry come out. What I need from you all is your opinion and a definite vote on what we need to do, especially in regards to running the event YES or NO and having Barry come out to build us a course YES or NO by the November meeting.

Here it goes....

Lets start with running the event in 2017. Last winter I booked Kelly Towers as our judge, she can judge the Dressage, Stadium and be on the jury for the XC judging (xc judging is done by jump judges, timers and the ground jury as a group). Geri Sweet was also booked last winter as our TD. To run a Silver (Training level) HT we need to have two members on the ground Jury from the EC list of officials, we have two members BUT is also states that the TD of the same event can not also serve on the Ground Jury so we need to find another EC official to serve on the Jury such as a Steward, TD, Judge. I have asked Jan Stephens who said she would check if she was booked in Ottawa that weekend and if not she is all ours. We also need someone to design, set up and take down the stadium course (I have asked Danae who sort of said yes). The course designer does not have to be an EC official but it is recommended. I have asked Val to ask John M. if he will be our control for the HT and if he says no then we need to find someone to do this. I have not booked an EMR or Vet yet either but this should not be a problem. I have not rented the MHC facility yet either as there has been no discussion on the details as to what rings or where we are doing dressage and stadium and stabling numbers and such. It has been decided between MHT and PC that we would combine this HT with Rally for the PC and this gives Dianna a year off from running a HT and would boost our entries. Also we have a lot of garbage and junk jumps that need cleaned up before we host a HT, we are working on this but noting has physically been done except Barry marked the fences that need removed (don't forget the ring of falling apart stuff that has been pushed to the side in the parking areas). Besides junk removal I need to secure a mowing option for spring and right before the event, an idea has been put forth but no final decision was made on what exactly we are doing about this. Last but not least we do not currently own enough jumps to run a HT that any course designer is willing to work with, nor secured people, equipment and plans on how we will take care of these new jumps to manage un supervised jumping. Again ideas are put forth but no names attached to jobs. We will need to find some money if we build the jumps and run the HT. Again good ideas are floating around how to get this money but no people have been tagged to the jobs to get this done and we only have one winter to do it if we get Barry out in May. The jumps will also need painted, we have the paint but will have to make time to paint them. We will need to purchase stake material and get someone to weld them as well. The last thing we want is to book him to come out and he shows up and we have no material and after we pay him for his work not enough money to pay our officials to run the HT.

In conclusion my personal feeling as “organiser” of this HT is that we do not have either enough money or time to get the materials and donations needed to accomplish both Barry and the HT. Again this is my personal vote but I would hire

Barry to come in spring and do all the work needed to give BHP a face lift then spend the winter and summer figuring out our exact plan on how to move the jumps from storage and on the course and back to control schooling over them (preferably we make \$ when people jump our stuff). Taking a year to run some super awesome derbies over new jumps and perhaps generate enough money to run the HT in 2018 when we are more prepared financially and time wise. This summer working with Deb I have learned a lot about running a good derby and I think we can work together to run profitable derbies for both parties and gain interest in MHT again. We don't want to run a HT with 15 riders and maybe break even when if we spent a summer attracting people to MHT we could run the event in 2018 and maybe get 30 riders or more!?

Review of Equine Canada Focus Group Discussion November 5, 2016, In attendance on behalf of MHT Danae Martin and Paige Dueck.

Paige:

Provincial Horse Trial Associations had an unofficial meeting Friday night which has been planned to become an annual occurrence with a formal meeting.

Three requests were made by the Provinces directed towards EC.

1. Two PHTA members sit on the Eventing Canada board
2. Have a clear pathway of communication available from PHTA to contact EC
3. Have official minutes taken at meetings where PHTA's attend and have them made public on EC website

Saturday meeting was run by Peter Gray, no official minutes were taken but a PHTA member from QC took un official minutes.

Provincial Reports

- Most provinces are noticing a decrease in memberships and lack of volunteers to run events
- Other provinces have un sanctioned events being run by private farms that attract quite a few riders, not run under EC or PHTA's at all.
- Derby Idea: Dressage and then Jumper clinic on Saturday, then on Sunday a dressage and jump derby set up that is judged and coaches are allowed to help and dressage judge provides feed back right after the ride.

Governance Structure and Roles and Responsibilities

- In September of 2015 EC went through an audit that forced them to clean up the organization in order to keep their status. This resulted in job cuts and changes in how the organization wants thigs to run in the future.
- Equestrian Canada-National Board (Eventing Canada)-Provincial Sport Organizations (MHC)- Provincial Horse Trials (MHT)
- This means that Eventing Canada no longer wants to hear directly from PHTA's as they are too busy dealing with FEI stuff so they want PHTA's to send info through their Provincial Sport Organizations who will then relay info to Eventing Canada staff. This is problematic for a few provinces who have a dysfunctional office in their province.
- EC is meeting with Provincial Sport Organizations this month, Geri Sweet went to represent MHC.

Grow and Strengthen Participation and Membership in Eventing

- Provinces need coaches to commit to the sport, develop YTP's for students to keep them moving in the sport.
- Talk of changing the three stop rule to 4 stops at the E level and below.
- Too many memberships, need an un complicated one stop shop online for memberships.
- To expensive to event due to officials costs to run an EC event, need funding support or more Officials in each province.

-Rules killing the fun, need more social opportunities at events? Many riders opting for un sanctioned private events that have a larger social opportunity and are cheaper to enter, low stress, coaches allowed to help riders.

- Providing a weekend camp where theory and practical lessons are given to help riders enter into the sport of eventing. I like this Idea!!

Improving the Athlete Development Pathway

- Some good High performance programs out there, AB very successful if this ever becomes relevant to MB.

- Making a Yearly Training Plan with coaches and riders proves successful, a form for this is available on EC website.

- Riders don't have the funds to move up to the higher levels.

- Riders lacking in stable management

- Some coaches wont let good riders go to move to other higher level coaches

- need more officials so more events can be run in each Province to give riders more opportunities to move up.

-Paige

Danae:

Toronto meeting

Friday meeting with provinces, went well. Amazing how little communication from cec, and the changes of governance got communicated to the provinces.

Another issue is how individually the provinces found similar solutions to common rule problems.

Unregistered derbies. Most allowed continuation of course after four faults, across Canada.

Rule has been put forward to request rewording of rule, that pretraining and down can continue, with the same rule that allows the dangerous riding.

Ec governance

Provinces to take on more responsibility. Sanctioning of shows will be provincial. Officials, and programming will be provincial.

A provinces council has been organized, with facebook and email to keep communication open and flowing, so that answers and solutions can be shared.

Eva came in with jon gardner to discuss new situation,

Danae sat on panel to discuss growth in sport , unrecognized derbies were a big part of solution, as

The coaching levy was brought up as well as more evidence that Manitoba is again progressing and leading the way on the pathway. Our derbies, and working with pony club, which has a format for eliminated riders, and allowing to proceed.

Jon is solid in competitions, the coaching is not so solid.

- Danae